

Appl. No. 10/019,350
Amdt. dated June 9, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Application

Claims 1-30 were finally rejected as anticipated by Ishizumi (EP-A-0683249), or as obvious in view of Ishizumi, alone or in combination with Oki (JP-58125698) or Oki and Neda (U.S. Patent No 5,656,773).

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16, and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections.

Telephone Interview of March 23, 2004

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions made during the telephone interview of March 23, 2004. During the interview, Applicant's attorney and the Examiner discussed the prior art of record, and the reasons Applicant believed that the claims distinguished over the prior art. Although agreement was not reached during the interview, the Examiner set the stage for further amendment to the claims along the lines presented here.

Claim Amendments

The amendment to claim 1 makes it clear (in the context of a method claim) that separate heating mechanisms are used to heat the first and second precursors to their respective different decomposition temperatures. This is the distinguishing feature emphasized by Applicant in the response to the first office action, and again stressed by Applicant's undersigned attorney during the telephone interview of March 23, 2004. The amendment to claim 16 further elaborates on this same point, although the claim already recited first and second heating means.

This Amendment does not add new matter, nor is it believed to raise new issues at this time. The language of the Amendment was discussed with the Examiner and favorable treatment was suggested. Entry of this Amendment and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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